

**In the Claims****Canceled Claims**

Please cancel claims 1-2 and 4-15, as being drawn to the parent application.

**Amended Claims**

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- 1     46.(new)     A deck apparatus for a vessel comprising:  
2                a top metallic layer;  
3                a first ballistic layer;  
4                an oxygen scavenger layer,  
5                a second ballistic layer, and  
6                a bottom metal layer,

7           where the apparatus is designed to increase a resistance of the vessel to an attack by an  
8 explosive weapon.

1   47.(new)    The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the ballistic layers are 0.5" to 1.0" thick.

1   48.(new)    The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the ballistic layers comprise belted fabric  
2 material.

1   49.(new)    The apparatus of Claim 47, wherein the material is Kevlar.

1   50.(new)    The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the metallic layers are made of carbon steel.

1   51.(new)    The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the metallic layers are several inches thick.

1   52.(new)    The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the oxygen scavenger layer comprises sodium  
2 bicarbonate or an oxygen scavenging foam.

1   53.(new)    The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the oxygen scavenger layer is about 5" to about  
2 7" thick.

1   54.(new)    The apparatus of Claim 46, wherein the oxygen scavenger layer comprises a plurality  
2 of pillows filled with an oxygen scavenger.

1   55.(new)    The apparatus of Claim 54, wherein the oxygen scavenger layer comprises sodium  
2 bicarbonate.

1   56.(new)    A vessel apparatus comprising:  
2           a deck including:  
3               a top metallic layer;  
4               a first ballistic layer;  
5               an oxygen scavenger layer,

6 a second ballistic layer, and  
7 a bottom metal layer,  
8 a hull; and  
9 a cargo structure including:  
10 a meso-skeleton supported from the deck near the deck-hull interface;  
11 a first ballistic layer interposed between the hull and the meso-skeleton;  
12 a first oxygen scavenger layer interposed between the first ballistic layer and the  
13 meso-skeleton;  
14 a flexible bladder supported by the meso-skeleton and adapted to hold a fluid cargo;  
15 a second ballistic layer interposed between the meso-skeleton and the bladder; and  
16 second oxygen scavenger layer interposed between the meso-skeleton and the second  
17 ballistic layer;  
18 where the ballistic layers and the oxygen scavenger layers are designed to increase a  
19 resistance of the vessel to an attack by an explosive weapon.

1 57.(new) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the ballistic layers are 0.5" to 1.0" thick.

1 58.(new) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the ballistic layers comprise belted fabric  
2 material.

1 59.(new) The apparatus of Claim 58, wherein the material is Kevlar.

1 60.(new) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the oxygen scavenger layers comprise sodium  
2 bicarbonate or an oxygen scavenging foam.

1 61.(new) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the oxygen scavenger layers are about 5" to about  
2 7" thick.

1 62.(new) The apparatus of Claim 56, wherein the oxygen scavenger layers comprise a plurality  
2 of pillows filled with an oxygen scavenger.